GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1726
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SUBSIDY ON POWER TILLERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that withdrawal of subsidy on power tillers has adversely affected the prospects of Kerala Agro Machinery Ltd., the only State owned power tiller maker in the country;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to restore the subsidy on power tillers; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The State Government of Kerala has informed that the withdrawal of subsidy onpower tillers had affected the prospects of sale of power tillers manufactured by M/s Kerala Agro Machinery Corporation (KAMCO) during the period in which the subsidystood withdrawn.

(b)&(c): Requests to restore the subsidy were received from the State Government ofKerala as well as from some other State Governments. On the basis of Test Reports released by the Central Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute at Budni on the improved version of Power Tillers, subsidy has been allowed on KAMCO KMB-200which is manufactured by KAMCO, as well as on three other models of Power Tillers. A letter dated 17th July 2001, in this regard has been issued to all State Governments and Union Territories.